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**1. The following were present:**

Mr. Clinton  
Mr. Kain  
Colonel Picknell  
Major Jacobson  
Captain Moore  
Lieutenant Madden  
Colonel Hausman

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CIA (Chairman)  
CIA (Vice Chairman)  
CIA (Secretary)

**2. NIS Production Forecast**

The members submitted revised NIS production forecasts for fiscal years 1956, 1957, and 1958. A consolidated schedule will be prepared and copies forwarded to each member before the next meeting. The Vice-Chairmen noted that this forecast did not fully provide for the scheduling of Section 45 (Health and Sanitation) and Section 56 (Intelligence and Security), which will be added as soon as production forecasts can be developed for them.

Because of the increasing importance which maintenance will play in future NIS production, the Chairman requested the members to ensure that analysts preparing maintenance contributions are fully cognizant of NIS Memo No. 20 "Preparation of NIS Maintenance Contributions". The analysts should also consult with the Maintenance Editor, D/B, before starting maintenance contributions in order to have full information regarding the shortcomings of the related published sections. The development of adequate maintenance requires careful re-appraisal of the original contributions in the light of the new available information. Some contributions may require only factual changes in the original presentations, while others may require a thorough re-evaluation and revision of the text. The important point is that the maintenance contribution reflects to the maximum practical extent a well rounded and mature presentation of the fundamental situation as it appears in the light of the new facts and the passage of events.

**3. Release of NIS to SHAPE and SACLANT**

The Army and the Navy members submitted their coordinated recommendations for release of NIS elements to SHAPE and SACLANT. D/B will consolidate them with the recommendations of the other agencies and disseminate copies to the members for discussion and action at the next meeting.

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The Chairman said a CIA proposal will shortly be laid before the IAC to amend Part I of IAC-D-45/12 so that NIS sections released to SHAPE and SACLANT are made available to chiefs of selected foreign intelligence services. Copies of the proposal were given to the members for their information. The Chairman pointed out that this proposal was an outgrowth of a request from Chief, Liaison Division, OCD, dated 15 December 1953 which had been tabled at NIS Committee Meeting No. 161 through lack of necessary background information.

4. Removal of Area S45 [REDACTED] from IAC Control List

The Committee approved the following memorandum to Secretary, IAC requesting the removal of Area S45 from the IAC Control list:

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"1. Part I, Tab A, of IAC-D-45/12 (Revision 4), 10 June 1953, lists NIS Area S45, [REDACTED] as a controlled area on which NIS elements are not releasable [REDACTED]

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"2. The designation S45 was given to a part of NIS Area 45, [REDACTED] for a special purpose which precluded release to foreign nationals of any NIS produced for this project. However, developments made it unnecessary to carry out the project and no such NIS will be published.

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"3. The designation NIS Area S45, [REDACTED] is, therefore, no longer valid, and the NIS Committee requests that it be removed from the controlled area list in the above cited IAC directive."

5. Decontrol of Chapter IX, NIS 26

The Vice Chairman proposed that the control statement "U. S. Officials Only" be removed from Chapter IX on NIS 26 (U.S.S.R.), since Navy had concurred in removing controls from certain H O contributions to this Chapter which had been the basis for the control requirement. The removal of the control would permit the release of this Chapter to [REDACTED] under the provisions of IAC-D-45.

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The Committee approved the decontrol of this Chapter, and a notice to this effect will be sent to all holders of the NIS.

6. Changes in Section 80 Schedules

The following changes in the revised FY 1956 schedule for Section 80 (refer to paragraph 5 of NIS Committee Meeting No. 188) were approved by the Committee:

- a) Deletion of Section 80 M on NIS 19 (Hungary) scheduled for January 1956; and
- b) Substitution of Section 80 M on NIS 42 (Thailand) scheduled for March 1956 in place of Section 80 on NIS 37 (Ceylon).

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7. Overdue Sections

The Navy member reported that NIS 45, Section 82, now 8 weeks overdue, will be ready by the end of February 1955.

The Army member reported that NIS 99, Section 25 rescheduled for 30 December 1954 will be ready by 31 March 1955.

8. Public Sale of Gazetteers

The Chairman read a letter addressed to him from Dr. Meredith F. Burrill, Executive Secretary, U.S. Board on Geographic Names, dated 25 January 1955 of which the following is pertinent:

"At its regular meeting on January 18 this Board recorded its wish that the gazetteers being produced in connection with NIS be made available for public sale by the Superintendent of Documents, and authorized the Executive Secretary and the Publications Committee to take the necessary steps to put such a program into operation if possible,

"It is, therefore, requested that the Central Intelligence Agency authorize the Board on Geographic Names to arrange with the Superintendent of Documents for the printing of additional copies of NIS gazetteers for public sale as printed or reprinted by CIA, with the provision that public sale copies will have covers and title pages prepared by, and bearing the name of, the BGN and containing no reference to the CIA nor NIS, and with the further provision that the expenses of such public sale will be met from funds other than those of, or transferred by, the Central Intelligence Agency.

"Public sale of gazetteers will benefit the Board, the CIA, the other agencies of the Government and the general public by facilitating the use of standard geographic names and by reducing the name variation both in NIS material prior to its name editing, and in other material used or read relating to the areas covered."

The Chairman said that this matter had been under informal discussion with Dr. Burrill after the NIS Gazetteers had been declassified by action of the NIS Committee. As indicated in the letter, the public sale of gazetteers will permit a much wider use of standard geographic names to the ultimate benefit of the intelligence community. The Chairman said that a staff study of the proposal would be prepared with the view to formal action by CIA.

9. Miscellany.

A. The Committee decided to review Chapter I on Poland at its next regular meeting. Page proofs of text and graphics are now being reviewed by the member agencies. The Chairman requested the members to determine their agencies' views on control requirements for the published Chapter.

B. A proposal was submitted by the Navy member for changes in the outline guides of Section 35, Subsection 64E and Supplement I. The Committee will examine the proposal at the next meeting.


C. The State member submitted a proposal for designating Western New Guinea as NIS 100A for consolidated treatment of Chapters IV, V, and VI. The Committee will consider this proposal at the next meeting along with the general subject of segmented area treatment. Also, the State member requested that Chapter I designation and outline be included with those of the other NIS Chapters in the regular Quarterly Report of NIS Status.

D. The Army member submitted copies of a memorandum dated 28 January 1955 from the Chapter II Coordinator on the subject of NIS Area designations in "respect to segmentation, combination, and methods of designation of NIS Areas as affected by considerations of military geography." The memorandum reflected the consensus of two conferences held on 19 and 26 January among representatives of G-2, AWS, OCG, ONI, OCC/AMS, and MGB. This matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

E. The Chairman requested that analysts make their initial contacts with the D/B staff through those supervisors whose names appear in the "NIS Key Personnel List". This procedure will facilitate maintaining adequate security measures and will ensure that supervising personnel are kept adequately informed. The Committee agreed to revising the "NIS Key Personnel List" and maintaining it current by prompt notification to D/B of any changes of the personnel assignments within the several agencies.

10. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held at 1000 hours on Tuesday, 15 February 1955.

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